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Four named to Senior Arkansans Hall of Fame

Four outstanding older Arkansans were inducted into the Senior Arkansans Hall of Fame during the awards luncheon held at the 28th Annual Arkansas Aging Conference, October 29-31, 2008 in Hot Springs. The 2008 Senior Arkansans Hall of Fame inductees are: Thomas Baxter Crawford, Paris; Richard "Fritz" Friedl, North Little Rock; David Sneed, Magnolia; and Vivian Wright, Nashville. Each inductee received an engraved plaque and personalized certificate of appreciation for their contributions to the State.

There were 19 people nominated for the honor based on their service to the aging population in Arkansas. Five judges worked independently of each other to score each nominee. Senior Arkansans receiving nominations were:

Gail Ashbrook, Hot Springs; Helen Baker, Batesville; Dolores Bates, Van Buren; Alice Collins, Farmington; Mary Garner, Beebe; Charles Garner, Beebe; Elma Herrod, Beebe; Mary Lou Huff, Searcy; Bill Ray Lewis, Harrison; Mildred McKinney, Camden; Velta Ming, Van Buren; Dorothy Price Sitton, Little Rock; Mary Janette Smith, Searcy; Ellen Stewart, Lake City; and Dewery Watkins, West Memphis.

Each nominee was recognized for their work on behalf of senior citizens and received a personalized certificate of appreciation.